

**No. R-110. House concurrent resolution welcoming the Friends of UVM Baseball to the State House.**

(H.C.R.77)

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill, Donovan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Carr of Brandon, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Lenex of Shelburne, McCormack of Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, at the University of Vermont (UVM), baseball, perhaps the most American of all sports, was played for over a century for the seasons 1888–1971 and 1978–2009, and

Whereas, softball was a popular varsity sport from 1974–2009, and

Whereas, the Catamounts' original home was Athletic Park and, beginning in 1906, they played in the more commodious confines of Centennial Field, named in honor of the 1904 centennial anniversary of the university's first graduating class, and

Whereas, during their long history of competition, the baseball Catamounts compiled a winning record of 1,485 victories, 1,306 defeats, and 34 ties, and

Whereas, the Catamounts' season with the most victories was 2003, when they compiled 32 wins, and

Whereas, the Catamounts were the America East regular-season baseball champions in 2003 and 2006, and

Whereas, UVM scored the most single-game runs (27) in a 1984 contest against Middlebury College, and

Whereas, Ethan Barlow holds the highest single-season baseball batting average, .455 in 1996, and the comparable career honor belongs to Jim Wawruck, who batted an impressive .366 (1989–1991), and

Whereas, on the baseball pitcher's mound, Richard DeNicola secured the most single-season victories, 10 in 1962, and two Catamounts, Richard Cassani (1961–1963) and Brady Frost (1991–1993), hold career honors, each with 21 victories, and

Whereas, in softball, Kristen Nestor Tayag (1995–1998) holds the top career batting average of .407, and a memorable pitcher was Katie Quinn Burns (1989–1992), who compiled a great 43–35 record, and

Whereas, although Catamount varsity baseball and softball ended in 2009, the spirit of those exciting seasons endures through the UVM club teams, and

Whereas, today, March 20, 2015, the memories of Catamount baseball and softball glory at Centennial Field are being recalled with great pride as the organization Friends of UVM Baseball is visiting the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes the Friends of UVM Baseball to the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Friends of UVM Baseball.